

Pennyrile DEIC Activities Report for ICC 9/8/05

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The Pennyrile DEIC meets quarterly on the 2nd Friday of the month in Hopkinsville at the ADD office. The co-chairs are April Dill, Parent of former First Steps child, and Janet Harper, Program Coordinator, the Commission.

During the past year:

September Guest Speaker- Dr. Jo Robertson, Murray TA Team Project Director and IECE Professor, gave a follow-up to the Routines-Based Interviews training that was presented to both districts' service coordinators and therapists in March '04.

December Guest Speaker – Dianne Glasscock, Early Childhood Specialist from the Pennyroyal Center, spoke about the services she provides to families and child care settings. She attends 3 of the Early Childhood Councils in the district.

March – The DEIC received a request from April Dill, parent co-chair, for help with expenses to attend a conference for families whose children have the same diagnosis as her daughter who aged out of the program. The DEIC was able, through the budget housed with the TA Team at Murray State, to prepay the conference registration fees for Mrs. Dill and her daughter.

June – Attendance at the meetings has been much lower than the year before, so the voting members, ISCs, and TA team planned to meet in July after a Christian County community resource meeting to brainstorm ideas for pulling in more community partners and members.

For this month's meeting: the July membership meeting had to be rescheduled and will be held following the DEIC and PSC meetings. The guest speaker is DeeDee Grabara, a lawyer presenting on estate planning and trusts for families whose children have special needs.

The Pennyrile District has continuous service gaps for many disciplines; mostly OT, Speech and PT. 2 providers serving the district chose to not complete the new IFSP training and let their contract lapse.

The Point of Entry has 2 full-time ISCs employed by and housed at the Pennyroyal Mental Health Center. They cover 8 counties. From July to May, they averaged 26 referrals per month.

Currently there are 5 PSCs serving this district. One part-time independent PSC quit in August to take full-time employment. Some counties need PSCs.

Purchase DEIC Activities Report for ICC 9/8/05

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The Purchase DEIC met monthly, except for December, on the 4th Friday of the month from July through June. Meetings are being held in September and December for the rest of the calendar year. Co-chairs are June Fortner, DI/PLE, and Scott Suttles, ST/PLE.

During the past year:

Vicki Wright, local ICC representative, gave reports on the ICC meetings.

The Western KY Assistive Technology Consortium that was located in Murray closed in April. It is now located on the Wendell Foster Campus in Owensboro.

Jeanne Peters, Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist from Four Rivers, was the guest speaker in May.

In June the DEIC discussed the drop in numbers of persons attending over the past year. It was decided to meet every quarter for a while. At the December DEIC meeting it will be discussed whether to remain on a quarterly schedule or return to monthly meetings.

For this month's meeting: A guest speaker from Four Rivers Behavioral Health will give a presentation on signs of methamphetamine usage and manufacturing. Many of the counties in this area of the state have high rates of arrests associated with this drug and unfortunately there have been First Steps families involved in arrests. Several of the PSCs were able to attend this training in August at Four Rivers.

The Purchase District has had service gaps for OT and speech in several counties bordering the Mississippi River. There were 3 providers/agencies that chose to let contracts lapse instead of attending IFSP training.

There are 2 full-time ISCs at the Point of Entry located at Four Rivers Behavioral Health. One is employed by Four Rivers; the other is employed by Purchase District Health Department. They cover 9 counties. From July to May, they averaged 48 referrals per month.

Currently there are 7 PSCs serving this district. Two quit in the last 3 months. There are gaps in some counties for this service.

Murray State TA Team Report for ICC 9/8/05

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The team members are Dr. Jo Robertson, project director; Kathy Miller, program consultant; Pam Rockwell, parent consultant; and Eileen Cameron, program evaluator. Jo, Kathy & Pam have been on the team since 2000, and Eileen joined them in May.

The '04 – '05 fiscal year began with the resignation of Ron McGregor, Program Evaluator, who left to take a position with Murray Head Start.

The team held PSC forums in July, September, and February & July '05. The forums are not required attendance but are in addition to the quarterly meetings. The forums serve as opportunities to discuss the changes in the program and forms, to give more access to technical assistance as well as building support & rapport among the ISCs and PSCs, and to discuss community resources. The new AT center representatives were guest speakers at the last forum.

Kathy reported for the TA teams at the September 2004 ICC Meeting in Frankfort.

In October and November there were 3 IFSP trainings held for service coordinators and therapists.

During November, Kathy & Pam and the Western TA Team presented PSC training to 3 participants in Hopkinsville.

From January to April there were 9 IFSP trainings held for providers in Hopkinsville, Murray, Mayfield, and Paducah.

Pam has been working with the other parent consultants on the Parent Orientation training for several months. She also worked for many months with the other parent consultants on a “family handbook” that may be used at a later time.

Kathy received and processed IFSP training certificates for providers in both districts.

Pam & Kathy conducted an Orientation training June 1 in Murray.

Eileen spent several days training with Nan Slaughter and Penny Williamson during June, July and August. She completed 8 reviews in July & August, and has 6 scheduled for this month.